

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
GLENN RESEARCH CENTER (GRC)  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION  
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**I. Description of Requirement**

I recommend that GRC negotiate only with ASRC Aerospace Corporation for follow-on work related to providing the Glenn Engineering and Scientific Services-2 (GESS-2) contract.

GESS-2 requirements generally include technical engineering and scientific tasks in support of GRC's Directorates (aeronautics, exploration systems, engineering, space science, space propulsion and space operations.)

The estimated value of this interim follow-on procurement is **\$4,000,000.00 per month for potential six (6) months for an overall total of \$24,000,000.00.**

**II. Statutory Basis for Other than Full and Open Competition**

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1), only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

**III. Rationale in Support of Statutory Authority**

The current contract has already been extended for the full six (6) months under the authority of FAR Clause 52.217-8, "Option to Extend Services" and needs to be extended for a longer period of time due to protest of the follow on award. The award to Vantage Solutions, LLC was announced on the follow on GESS-3 contract November 7, 2011. ASRC Research & Technology Solutions (ARTS) submitted a protest to the GAO on November 21, 2011 (B-406164) within the 10 day window following their debriefing. The Agency file was then submitted to the GAO on December 21, 2011. The current GESS-2 contract expires February 29, 2012. Due to the 120 days required for a GAO protest, the GESS-3 90 day Phase-In, and potential schedule slippage; we are hereby submitting a request for 6 months (March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012) that can be exercised monthly.

An additional six (6) months, will allow sufficient time for the post-selection challenges to be resolved.

**IV. Description and Results of Market Research**

A market survey was not conducted for the requested six month period. This procurement is an interim measure until the protest is resolved. In accordance with FAR 5.2 a description of this requirement will be posted to the NASA Acquisition Internet Service/FedBizOpps upon approval of this Justification.

**V. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost**

The contractor submitted adequate cost support data, and an analysis was performed to determine the costs to be fair and reasonable.

**VI. Actions to Remove or Overcome Barriers to Competition.**

On April 13, 2011 the GESS-3 procurement held an Industry Day Outreach, 33 firms participated. 4 teams proposed to the GESS-3 solicitation and selection was made. There is no intention to award GESS-3 as sole-source procurement. This extension is only an interim measure for protest purposes.